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SPINAL COLUMN

THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

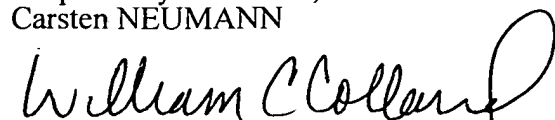
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Commissioner:

Supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed on June 18, 2004 and Supplemental IDS's filed on June 28, 2004 and February 17, 2008, Applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the Patent Examiner the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of JP 8-238266A and JP 2001-525224T are enclosed. These references were cited by the Japanese Patent Office in an Office Action dated October 20, 2009. The other two cited references, namely JP 2002-501783T and US 6,296,665 were submitted in an IDS filed on February 19, 2009. A copy of the Office action with German and English translations is enclosed. The respective English translations are high-lighted in yellow.

Since this Supplemental IDS is being filed within three months of the client becoming aware of these references, it is believed that no official fee is required in connection with the same. However, if it is determined that a fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge, or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account Number 03-2468. It is respectfully requested that the foregoing Supplemental IDS be incorporated into the official file of the present patent application.

Respectfully submitted,
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Enclosure: PTO-1449 form; two (2) references and copy of October 20, 2009 Japanese Office Action w/English translation.

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